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In re Application of:	:	
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Serial No.: 10/063104	:	
Filed: March 21, 2002	:	
Attorney Docket No.: RD-29430	:	
	:	DECISION <i>SUA SPONTE</i>
	:	WITHDRAWING HOLDING
	:	OF ABANDONMENT

This is a decision, *sua sponte*, withdrawing the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application.

A non-final office action was mailed on June 29, 2004, setting a three-month shortened statutory period for response thereto. A reply was filed on September 29, 2004. But, this reply was non-compliant and a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was mailed on October 7, 2004. In an apparent failure to recognize the new extendable period for response set by this notice of noncompliant amendment, the application was held abandoned and a Notice of Abandonment was mailed on March 21, 2005.

Although no petition or request to withdraw the holding of abandonment in this application has been filed, the Notice of Abandonment is hereby vacated, the holding of abandonment withdrawn and the application restored to pending and under appeal status in view of the fact that a response was timely filed on March 10, 2005, with a four months extension of time. Because a timely filed response is a proper response to a non-final Office action, the application is not in fact abandoned. Any inconvenience to the applicant is regretted.

The application file is being forwarded to the technical support staff for processing the response. From there, the file will be returned to the examiner for consideration of the response and taking appropriate action.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Kamand Cuneo, Supervisory Patent Examiner, at (571) 272-1957.

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